

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho has recognized this as the Generation of the Child; and

WHEREAS, the children of Idaho are our most precious natural resource and it is important to reaffirm to them their importance and worth; and

WHEREAS, children make up 30 percent of the population in Idaho but 100 percent of our future; and

WHEREAS, our gift to our young people should be the assurance that they will be healthy and well-educated, preparing them for their future; and

WHEREAS, through the Generation of the Child initiatives, we are ensuring that the children of Idaho will be healthy through a newly established voluntary immunization registry, as well as making sure all children are well-educated through the passage of initiatives in reading and math designed to ensure that all Idaho students leave our schools prepared for success; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children is working to promote early childhood initiatives and to coordinate the many early childhood services in Idaho to strengthen the family bond and promote the well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's youth make a difference in our lives: as mentors to their peers, as examples to younger Idahoans, and as active parts of our families and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the day of April 30, 2002, to be

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in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of the youth in our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-sixth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

PETE T. CENARRUSA SECRETARY OF STATE